

2014 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2014, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 12 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$724,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

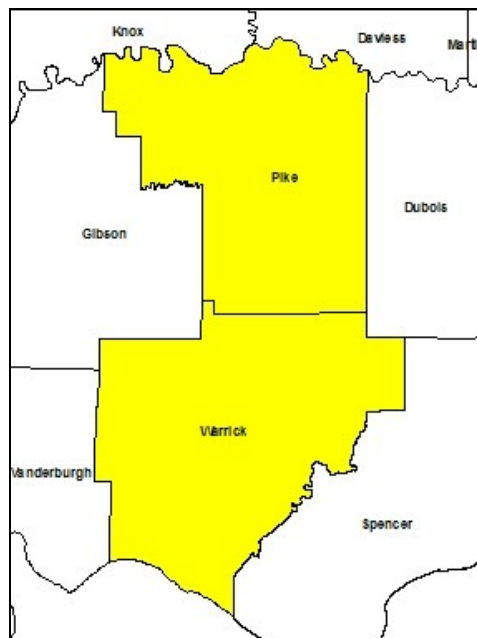
LEAD DISTRICT: WARRICK
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: PIKE
PROJECT NAME: WARRICK/PIKE JOINT COUNTY
CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN/EDUCATOR
COOPERATIVE
PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2014-12/31/2016



Purpose: Promote and execute conservation programs

Warrick and Pike County SWCD's will cooperate in the hiring of a part time soil technician/educator who will work in both counties. Warrick will serve as the home base for the joint county conservation technician/educator and will handle the payroll through the Warrick County SWCD Office. Each district and the NRCS DC will work together to provide the technician/educator with job duties and tasks as well as provide the technician/educator office space to complete their work. This technician/educator will work with county farmers and landowners in promoting conservation programs with special attention being given to the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative, the Nature Conservancy's Two Stage Ditch Program and cost share opportunities that each SWCD offers.

Having a full time technician and/or educator funded by the county government is a long term goal of both Warrick and Pike counties. Pike County currently has a part time technician but needs additional help to assist when workload is higher than normal or when leave is taken.



PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, NRCS, AND CCSI

Adult Education will include a Female Farmers of Indiana workshop series and a Soil Health Expo.

